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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING IS PARTIAL
EXCERPT FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING APRIL 22,
1974:

QUOTE: Q. DOES THE U.S. HAVE ANY THOUGHTS ON SENDING --
OR BEGINNING NEGOTIATIONS TO SEND ARMS TO EGYPT?

A. I REALIZE YOU ARE REFERRING TO WHAT'S IN THE PAPER THIS
MORNING AND PRESIDENT SADAT'S SPEECH LAST WEEK WHICH GAVE
RISE TO YOUR QUESTION. BUT I'M SORRY, I DON'T HAVE ANY-
THING I CAN SAY TO YOU ABOUT IT. BUT I CAN TELL YOU THAT
THERE HAS BEEN NO REQUEST FOR THAT SORT OF ASSISTANCE.

Q. DURING THE EXTENSIVE TALKS THAT THE SECRETARY HAS HAD
WITH PRESIDENT SADAT AND THEN WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMI,
HAS THIS QUESTION EVER COME UP?

A. I HAVE TO SAY I DON'T KNOW.

Q. CAN YOU GIVE US SOME SPECIFICS ON MISSIONS, U.S.
MISSIONS, SENT OVER THERE TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE
OR EGYPTIAN MISSIONS HERE TO DISCUSS IT?

A. I BELIEVE THERE HAS BEEN AN AMERICAN MISSION. I DON'T
HAVE THE DETAILS.

Q. COMING BACK TO THE ARMS QUESTION, HAVE WE PROPOSED ANY
FORM OF ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT IN THE FORM OF MILITARY EQUIP-
MENT, OR OTHER FORMS OF ASSISTANCE?

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A. I DON'T BELIEVE SO. I'LL JUST LEAVE IT AT THAT.

Q. CAN YOU SAY THERE HAS BEEN NO REQUEST FOR A SALE OF
ARMS TO THE EGYPTIANS?

A. I CAN'T, NO.

Q. YOU CAN'T SAY THAT?

A. NO.

Q. CAN YOU CONFIRM REPORTS OF CONTACTS BETWEEN THE EGYPT-
IAN GOVERNMENT AND REPRESENTATIVES OF U.S. MILITARY SUPPLY
COMPANIES?

A. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THAT IS TRUE OR NOT, YOU SEE. END
QUOTE. KISSINGER

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